

AAC Apps: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly - January 2012 by Nick Weiland, M.A., CCC-SLP, Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence - OCALI												
Icon	App	Mobile Device	Cost (iTunes)	Customizable	Symbols	Message Window	Voice	Navigation	Text-to-Speech Typing	Support	Demo	Comments
	<a href="#">AAC Speech Buddy</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	\$39.99	yes create and save page sets online	2000+ Mulberry Symbols	yes	6 text-to-speech voices	list of page sets	yes	<a href="#">Help Center</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	Java Desktop version available for Mac or PC
	<a href="#">Aeir Talk</a>	iPad only	\$19.99	yes	none all imported	no "stage" area holds sequence selected	recorded speech	two categories: nouns & verbs used with carrier phrases	no	none	<a href="#">none</a>	very unusual display of nouns and verbs with intro phrases
	<a href="#">Alexicom AAC</a>	computer or mobile device with Internet	various plans starting at \$40./month	yes 13 page sets + 1200 pre-made pages	7,000 images	yes	AT&T Natural Voices	list of page sets can link pages uses core vocab	yes	phone or email support	<a href="#">Demo pages</a>	Internet-based system. Create pages on-line and download or edit on device
	<a href="#">Assistive Chat</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$24.99	yes	text only	yes	3 text-to-speech voices	"Favorites" list of commonly used sentences	yes	email support (Singapore)	<a href="#">Demo video</a>	A text-to-speech app, requires reading ability to create messages
	<a href="#">Augie</a>	iPad only	\$159.99	yes	icons included	no	recorded speech	6 categories home & school	no	<a href="#">user guide, FAQ</a>		includes pages for schedules One Touchwindow for essential messages
	<a href="#">AutoVerbal Pro</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$14.99	yes but only "several buttons"	photos	yes	male & female text to speech	none-scroll thru picture choices	yes	none	no	lots of pictures with no means to navigate
	<a href="#">Click N Talk</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$2.99	yes	photos	no	recorded speech	list of "Albums" created	no	<a href="#">email step-by-step instructions</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	described as "talking photo album"
	<a href="#">ChoiceBoard-Creator</a>	iPad only	Free	yes	photos	no	no voice output	list of choice pages	no	<a href="#">blog</a>	free app	simple set up and use
	<a href="#">Discover My Voice</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	\$49.99	yes	photos	no	recorded speech plus text-to-speech	list of categories	no	<a href="#">tutorials, FAQs, manual</a>	30-day free trial Android only	designed to "help non-verbal, low-cognitive people"
	<a href="#">EZSpeechPRO</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	179.99 for either male or female voice	yes add own favorite phrases	text only no symbols	yes	Neospeech voices	list of "Topics"	yes	<a href="http://gusinc.com/2010/Support.html">http://gusinc.com/2010/Support.html</a>	no	separate app download for male and female voice
	<a href="#">Expressionist</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$9.99	yes	photos plus cartoon character	no	recorded speech	list of categories plus row of common phrases	no	<a href="#">website (limited)</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	uses unusual "composite picture" to illustrate phrases
	<a href="#">Expressive</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	\$49.99	yes	400 Smarty Symbols	yes	male/female text- to - speech	semantic categories	no	<a href="#">video tutorial</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	<a href="#">monthly giveaway</a>
	<a href="#">Friendleaf</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$29.99	yes	photos	yes	male/female text- to - speech	up to 66 items on iPad Home screen	no	<a href="#">email</a>	<a href="#">videos</a>	simple picture layout
	<a href="#">GoTalk Now</a>	<a href="#">iPad only</a>	\$79.99	yes add own photos and videos	photos 1-25 per page	no	text-to-speech or recorded voice	home page of all pages; core vocabulary page	no	<a href="#">email</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	auditory cues switch scanning embed videos
	<a href="#">Grace</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$37.99	yes	"basic pictures" included, can add photos	no can place sequence of pictures	no voice output	category page	no	<a href="#">manual</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	carrier phrase + noun format , "I want . . ."
	<a href="#">iAssist Communicator</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$29.99	yes add own photos and voice	240 images included	no	recorded speech	home page of 4 files	no	<a href="#">email "website coming fall 2008"</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	limited display (4 messages) and navigation
	<a href="#">I Can Speak</a>	iPad only	\$29.99	yes	150 icons + photos	yes	one text-to-speech voice	850 words in 20 categories	yes	<a href="#">FAQ and email</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	Static (core) and Dynamic areas
	<a href="#">iClickITalk</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad plus Windows devices	\$3.99 Compact 19.99 Mini 39.99 Single 89.99 Multi	yes	70 "cartoon-like" images included	yes	recorded speech	core plus categories	no	<a href="#">tutorials</a>	<a href="#">Windows demo (bottom of page)</a>	limit to creating activities and tracking usage in Mini version
	<a href="#">iComm</a>	iPhone	Free	yes	photos 5 spaces per category	no	no speech output	9 categories	no	<a href="#">tutorials</a>	free app	no upgrade since 2010
	<a href="#">iComm</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$7.99 Full version in-app purchase	yes	photos 10 spaces per category	no	recorded speech	20 categories	no	<a href="#">tutorials</a>	try free version	no upgrade since 2010
	<a href="#">iCommunicate</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$49.99	pictures and audio up to 10x4 layout on iPad	10,000 SymbolStix included	no	text-to-speech or recorded voice	list of storyboards and routines	no	<a href="#">manual, email</a>	<a href="#">Demos of Student Use</a>	described as "simple picture exchange system"
	<a href="#">iConverse</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$9.99	yes	6 icons of basic needs can add photos	no	text-to-speech or record voice	no categories	no	<a href="#">video tutorial</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	limited icons and navigation
	<a href="#">Let's Talk</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, Android	\$2.99	photo and voice up to 10 pages	boy/girl icons depicting verbs can add own photos	no	recorded speech	list of categories Self-Use and Supportive Modes	no	<a href="#">website with directions</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	Self-Use Mode, user navigates Supportive mode, adult selects icons
	<a href="#">Look2Learn</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$14.99	pictures and recorded speech	80 photos in 6 categories included	no	recorded speech	carrier phrase "I want . . ." add noun	no	<a href="#">tutorials</a>	<a href="#">no</a>	limited to carrier phrase "I want ..."
	<a href="#">MetaTouch</a>	iPad only	\$29.99	can add own photos	1200+ Metacom 5 Symbols can add own photos	yes	no speech output	pages organized by themes and grammar categories	no	<a href="#">email</a>	<a href="#">simple demo</a>	comes in three languages: US-English, German, and French.
	<a href="#">My Button</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	Free	yes	single photo	no	recorded speech	none single message	no	none	none	like a Big Mack; add own picture, text and voice
	<a href="#">My Choice Board</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$9.99	yes	photos max of 6 choices per page	no	recorded speech	list of categories of choices	no	<a href="#">FAQ</a>	none	option of circle with slash overlay to show choice not available
	<a href="#">MyFirst AAC</a>	iPad only	\$24.99	2-8 button layout, hide buttons, personal info	250 icons some animated mimic sign language	no	male/female text- to - speech	swipe to pages of 23 categories can hide buttons	no	<a href="#">manual</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	designed for "toddlers and preschoolers" icons change with gender
	<a href="#">My Pictures Talk</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$4.99	yes	photos	no	recorded speech	list of "stories"	no	<a href="#">help file email</a>	<a href="#">videos</a>	described as a "video modeling tool" rather than AAC
	<a href="#">MyTalk Tools Mobile Lite</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	Free	limit to 20 cells in 2 boards	SymbolStix available in Workspace	no	recorded speech	category page can link pages	yes	<a href="#">video tutorials</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	*Workspace free for 30-day period w/ purchase. Free for SLPs with an ASHA number
	<a href="#">MyTalk Tools Mobile</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	39.99 App Workspace \$75/yr.*	32,000 cells unlimited boards	SymbolStix available in Workspace	no	recorded speech	category page can link pages	yes	<a href="#">video tutorials</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	*Workspace free for 30-day period w/ purchase. Free for SLPs with an ASHA number
	<a href="#">MyVoice Communication Aid</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	Free Edition PlusEdition \$29.99/mo.	limited in Free unlimited in Plus Edition	photos	no	2 male/ 2 female text- to - speech	sets of photos w/ messages in "Books"	yes	<a href="#">troubleshooting and tutorials</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	In Place Mode, relevant items pop up based on your physical location.
	<a href="#">My Voice My Words</a>	Android	\$10.25	yes	photos	no	text- to - speech	pages can link	no	<a href="#">troubleshooting and tutorials</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	PC version \$1500 with touch-screen or scanning access
	<a href="#">New Voice</a>	iPad only	\$149.99	yes add own favorite phrases	text only no symbols	yes	text-to-Speech Typing	list of phrases	yes	<a href="#">email</a>	<a href="#">video tutorials</a>	
	<a href="#">OneVoice Lite</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	Free	yes	100 icons; add own photos	yes	no voice output	category side window	yes	<a href="#">video tutorials</a>	free app	
	<a href="#">OneVoice</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$199.00	yes	100 icons; add own photos	yes	2 male/ 2 female text-to-speech	categories side window	yes	<a href="#">video tutorials</a>	<a href="#">free app without voice</a>	
	<a href="#">PictureCanTalk</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$34.99	yes	1,000+ picture symbols	limited to 3 pictures	male & female text to speech	templates page	no	<a href="#">video tutorial</a>	none	set up in a PECS sentence-strip format (with pic of velcro strip)
	<a href="#">Pics Aloud Lite</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	Free	can add up to 100 photos and voice	34 photos included	no	recorded speech plus text-to-speech	categories page	no	<a href="#">no</a>	free app	also has schedule format with series of pictures
	<a href="#">Pics Aloud</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$4.99	can add up to 100 photos and voice	119 photos included	no	recorded speech plus text-to-speech	categories page	no	<a href="#">no</a>	try Lite version	also has schedule format with series of pictures
	<a href="#">Pic a Word</a>	iPad only	Free	no	photos	no	recorded speech of child's voice	no navigation	no	<a href="#">no</a>	free app	3, 6, 9, or 12 button layout
	<a href="#">Pictello</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$14.99	yes	photos	no	male/female text- to - speech	list of "Books" created	yes, 5 lines per page	<a href="#">manual</a>	none	creates "talking photo albums"
	<a href="#">Predictable</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$159.99	yes	custom icons; add photos	yes	2 male/ 2 female text-speech	linked folders	yes; recognizes handwriting on iPad	<a href="#">user guide, FAQ</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	switch access scanning; email, Facebook, Twitter
	<a href="#">Proloquo2Go</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$189.99	layout, pictures and recorded speech	8,000; SymbolStix	yes	male/female text- to - speech	categories page can link pages	yes. Acapela voices	<a href="#">manual, tutorials, videos</a>	<a href="#">introductory videos</a>	full-featured AAC program
	<a href="#">Scene &amp; Heard</a>	iPad only	\$49.99	can add photos, video, recorded speech	10000 Widgit symbols	no	recorded speech	Home page of scenes can link scenes	no	<a href="#">FAQs and User Guide</a>	none	visual scenes with embedded messages
	<a href="#">Scene Speak</a>	iPad only	\$9.99	yes visual scenes	photos	no	recorded speech plus text-to-speech	page of "books"	no	<a href="#">video tutorials</a>	none	visual scenes with embedded messages
	<a href="#">Sono Flex Lite</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	Free	yes	SymbolStix	yes	1 Acapela child voice	core and topic vocabulary can link pages	yes	<a href="#">manual</a>	free app	Lite is "evaluation" version
	<a href="#">Sono Flex</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$99.00	yes	11,000 SymbolStix	yes	5 Acapela voices	core and topic. 50 context pages can link pages	yes	<a href="#">manual</a>	try Lite version	full-featured AAC program
	<a href="#">SoundingBoard</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$49.99	layout, pictures and recorded speech	1 to 9 location layouts. Comes with 14 boards	no	recorded speech	boards list page can link boards	no	<a href="#">manual</a>	<a href="#">intro video</a>	Single and Dual Switch Access 1 to 9 location layouts. Comes with 14 boards
	<a href="#">Speech Journal</a>	iPad only	\$5.99	yes	photos	no	recorded speech	list of sequences	no	<a href="#">video tutorial</a>	none	use for picture schedules, directions, social stories
	<a href="#">Speak it!</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$1.99	no	text only no symbols	yes	male/female text- to - speech	typed messages saved toSaved page	yes	<a href="#">FAQ</a>	none	Save text as audio file and send via e-mail.
	<a href="#">Talk Assist</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	Free	no	text only no symbols	yes	male text- to - speech	typed messages saved to History page	yes	none	free app	Save text as audio file and send via e-mail.
	<a href="#">Talk4Me</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$0.99	yes	photos	no	recorded speech plus text-to-speech	page of categories	no	<a href="#">email support</a>	<a href="#">screen shots</a>	speaks recorded message with single photos
	<a href="#">Talkforme</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	\$5.99	yes	photos	no	30 languages text- to - speech	page of categories	no	none	none	designed for traveling adults
	<a href="#">Talk To Me 100 Free</a>	iPad only	Free	no	16 custom icons	no	recorded speech of child's voice	all messages on home screen	no	<a href="#">video tutorial</a>	free app	only 16 messages
	<a href="#">Talk To Me 100</a>	iPad only	\$5.99	no	100 custom icons	no	recorded speech of child's voice	all messages on home screen	no	<a href="#">video tutorial</a>	try free version	uses core vocabulary approach
	<a href="#">TapToTalk</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	app is free online Designer is \$99. /year	Designer required to customize	2000+ pictures	no	recorded speech	list of "Albums" created	no	<a href="#">manual and videos</a>	try free version	\$99.95 for year or \$179.95 "forever" single switch scan option
	<a href="#">TouchChat Lite</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$9.99	yes	10,000 Symbolstix included	yes	no voice output	linked folders and page sets	no	<a href="#">videos and articles</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	TouchChat Lite is a non-speaking configuration of TouchChat
	<a href="#">TouchChat HD</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$149.99	yes	10,000 Symbolstix included	4 page sets included	Five synthesized voices or record own speech	linked folders and page sets	yes	<a href="#">videos and articles</a>	<a href="#">video</a>	iShare subscription option to save and share page sets online: six-months \$59
	<a href="#">TapSpeak Sequence for iPad</a>	iPad only	\$29.99	Unlimited sequences & recording length	own photos	no	recorded speech	list of sequences	no	<a href="#">user guide</a>	none	Tap response is configurable to accommodate varying motor skills
	<a href="#">Verbal Victor</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$6.99	yes	photos	no	recorded speech	pages of messages	no	<a href="#">FAQ</a>	none	2, 4, 6 or 8 icon layout, page lock feature
	<a href="#">Verbally</a>	iPad only	Free	yes	text only no symbols	yes	male/female text- to - speech	50 core words plus common phrases	yes with word prediction	<a href="#">directions and email</a>	free app	text-to-speech AAC key liftoff optional setting
	<a href="#">Verbally Premium</a>	iPad only	\$99.99	yes add own favorite phrases	text only no symbols	yes	male/ female/ child text-to-speech customizable	50 core words plus common phrases	yes with word prediction; learns usage	<a href="#">directions and email</a>	try free version	text-to-speech AAC ; email
	<a href="#">VocaBeans Lite</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	Free	only add 2 messages	50 custom icons	no	recorded speech	Categories and Favorites pages Talk page for quick messages	no	<a href="#">tutorial</a>	free app	9 message layout
	<a href="#">VocaBeans EN</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad	\$9.99	yes	"hundreds" of icons; can add own photos	no	recorded speech	Categories and Favorites pages Talk page for quick messages	no	<a href="#">tutorial</a>	try Lite version	9 message layout
	<a href="#">Voices4U</a>	iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad Android	\$29.99	yes	150 icons can add photos	no	recorded speech	11 category pages can be added to	no	<a href="#">tutorials</a>	<a href="#">on-line demo</a>	simple pictures with voice program